



ADULT Medication Monograph




BENZATHINE PENICILLIN

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[Antimicrobial Restriction - Unrestricted](#)

Presentation	Prefilled syringe: 900mg in 2.3mL (1.2 million units)
Dose	<p><u>Early Syphilis (Primary, Secondary or Latent):</u> IM: 1.8g (2.4 million units) as a single dose</p> <p><u>Late Latent Syphilis:</u> IM: 1.8g (2.4 million units) once weekly for 3 weeks (3 doses)</p>
Administration	<p><u>IM:</u> <i>Do NOT give IV</i> Inject slowly, at a steady rate, deep in the gluteal muscle Give doses more than 900mg as 2 injections at separate sites <i>To reduce the pain of deep IM injections:</i> Use a 21-gauge needle, warm syringe to room temperature and apply pressure with a thumb for 10 seconds before inserting the needle.</p>
Pregnancy	<p>1st Trimester: Safe to use 2nd Trimester: Safe to use 3rd Trimester: Safe to use</p>
Breastfeeding	Safe to use
Clinical guidelines and policies	<p>WNHS Policy: Antimicrobial Stewardship KEMH Clinical Guidelines: O&G: Sexually Transmitted Infections: Syphilis</p>
References	<p>Therapeutic Guidelines. Syphilis. In: eTG complete [Internet]. West Melbourne (Victoria): Therapeutic Guidelines; 2017 [cited 2017 Jun 02]. Available from: https://tgldcdp.tg.org.au</p> <p>Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia. Benzathine Penicillin In: Australian Injectable Drugs Handbook [Internet]. [St Leonards, New South Wales]: Health Communication Network; 2019 [cited 2019 Feb 19]. Available from: http://aidh.hcn.com.au</p>

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